



THE BELLOWS

30th GREAT YEAR

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Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society, Inc.

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WHAT	NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS
WHERE	DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE 2208 S. 223rd St. (Take Midway exit #149 west off I-5...go to first stop light west of Pacific Hwy. South...Turn right.)
WHEN	Thursday, June 18th 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. (doors open about 6:00 p.m.)
WHY	A short business meeting..Show & Tell..Auction (one item lot per member)..door Prize..Member's trade-sell tables (free to members, please ignore during business meeting.) <u>Program:</u> As we begin our summer break bring to share your favorite "Tale of the Hunt". What was your best find, most interesting, most surprising, the luckiest, most unexpected?

ANOTHER P.S.P.C.S. YEAR ENDS:

Yes, it's true. Our 30th Great Year as one of the United State's best collectors of photographica clubs has come to a close. It was a most interesting year with members making some fine additions to their collections and enjoying their P.S.P.C.S. Club meetings. Our Annual Christmas meeting of food and gifts had to be moved into January because of some Alaska like winter weather that kept us all off the roads in mid December. However, Santa agreed to stop by on his way to his secret after Christmas vacation hangout and a fine time was had by all those who attended.

Our 29th Show Experience Weekend and Show again went well with happy sellers, great displays and the same number of eager buyers as last year. We also had a very fine thursday evening guest speaker...invited with the help of Club member Ralph London...Mr. Milan Zahorcak whose talk on early "Lens Lore" of 19th Century lenses was a big hit with the membership. We will hold our 30th Show Experience Weekend on the weekend of April 29-30 and May 1st 2010.

As the club year drew to a close we were surprised to learn that both President, Darrel Womack and Secretary, Don Friend felt it was time for them to step down and pass their respective office on to another member. The membership was most unhappy to see them go...but with our election at the June meeting two new officers will lead the club on; beginning with our meeting on September 17th.

Yes, our 30th Great Year was a fun, interesting and enjoyable year. A year of surprises and change. A good year. What will our 31st Great Club Year in 2010 bring? Lets go treasurer hunting this summer and then return in the fall to find out.

IT'S ELECTION TIME:

This is the meeting where those Club members in attendance will elect both our new President and Secretary. At our May meeting Mike Immel was nominated for the office of Club President. No other names were put in nomination. Stan Kirlin and David Rystrom said they would work together to do the job of Club Secretary-meeting nummie provider. No other members put their names in nomination for the Secretaries position. At our June meeting other Club members may also decide to run for either office and have their names put in nomination. If this happens we will hold an election. If not, the two offices will be filled by a unanimous vote of the members present for the nominated members.

★ ★ ★ BACKSIDE INFORMATION ★ ★ ★

The May 21st meeting of the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society came to order at 7:02 p.m. There were 26 members and guests in attendance. Don Friend had a medical problem and did not attend the meeting. (Don says he is recovering. Ed.) Shirley Sparrow filled in and took the minutes. The reading of the April minutes was dispensed with. Treasurer, Shirley report that the Club was solvent. She also reported that the final Show expense report..after all the bills had been paid..showed the Show was again about \$2,000 in the red. (As the Show Committee cuts some costs other charges increased.)

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrel announced that Ballard Camera's "going out of business" sale would end at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 23rd.

President Darrel gave a complete Minolta SRT 101 camera system to John Christensen. This was a system that John had purchased as a teenager and then sold to Darrel many years ago. To say the least John was very surprised and pleased to have his old camera returned to him.

Nominations for Club President and Secretary were called for. See page one. Ed. Darrel announced that Bob Kelly would handle the election at the June meeting.

SHOW & TELL: Three members had show and/or tells. Thank you all.

PROGRAM: Stu Curry and Bill Kimber had favorite non-camera photographica items from their collection to show. The items were most interesting. Thank you both.

AUCTION:

There were only two items up for auction. Only one sold for \$6.00 which was donated to P.S.P.C.S.

DOOR PRIZE:

John Christensen won the door prize

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. for more nummie munching, selling and conversation(s).

THIS MONTHS MYSTERY QUESTION

Answer at end of Newsletter

With thanks to the Western Photographic Historical Society

What line of cameras made between 1910 and 1920 "are for Kids?"



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Dues are \$20.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922, (509) 674-1916, sesparrow9@msn.com P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our yearly April show.

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The following article was written by P.S.P.C.S. member Bob Kelly. Bob is an avid Argus collector and attended the annual Argus Collectors Group meeting in Eden, NC in mid-May. Ed.

Argus Collectors Build a "Brick" Wall

by Bob Kelly

A large "brick" wall was constructed using Argus C3 cameras, also known as "bricks", at the annual Argus Collectors Group meeting in mid-May. The "brick wall" building was part of the ACG meeting in Eden, NC honoring the 70th anniversary of the camera that sold over 3,000,000 units starting in 1939.



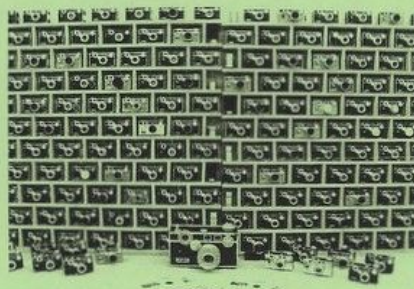
Wesley Furr adds a brick to the wall.

The event organizers, Ron Norwood and C. Douglas Wilcox provided a framework for the bricks 4 feet by 8 feet long. As members arrived on May 15th, they built the wall by inserting their own Argus C3's. The cameras were soon spilling out on to the table in front of the wall and an extra row was added to the top. The Argus model C and C2, predecessors to the C3, were also eligible to be included in the wall. Rough calculations identified nearly 200 Argus C3 cameras in the room.

Nearby, a fifteen foot long display documented all the variations, attachments and modifications made to the C3 over its

35 year production life. This display included an additional 30 cameras submitted by three collectors and the Argus Museum. The "coup-de grace" of the display was a giant C3 on loan from the Argus Museum in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The "Giant" as it's know is a model of a C3 in large scale that was used by the Argus Company for advertizing.

Other activity during the three day event included presentations on Argus research, collecting techniques and repair demonstrations. Members also created their own displays and took part in a photo contest using Argus cameras. Time was also set aside for members to tell stories about experiences using Argus cameras and other Argus related happenings.



The "Brick Wall" at the Argus Collectors Meeting. The "Giant" is front and center.

Next year's event will again be in Eden, NC the weekend after Mothers Day. The Argus Collectors Group web site is at www.arguscg.org.

GARY SIVEERTSEN HAS ANOTHER GARAGE SALE:

Yes, Club members it's "that time" again. The leaves and schools are out, our Club year is over and Gary is holding his annual two day Photographic Garage Sale & Swap at his home on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Gary is located in University Place in the Tacoma area at 4802-93rd Ave. West. Anyone who would like driving directions, or would like to join him as a seller, give him a call at (253) 564-3782. There will be several hundred items just from Gary..plus whatever other sellers bring. This sale will go on rain or shine with a Large reduction in camera prices on Sunday. Why not start your summer treasurer hunting at Garys. p.s. This may be the last year for this sale.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BELLOWS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME:

Please be reminded that your newsletter, The Bellows, welcomes any member's article on collecting photographica. This month you will see an interesting article by member Bob Kelly on Building an Argus "brick" wall. Don't be shy. If you have a photographica story to tell, information to share or a photographic mystery you are looking to find the answer to write it up and send me a snail mail copy. Also, remember that The Bellows will list a reasonable number of items for sale or items you are looking for. Make use of your newsletter. Ed.

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The following is from the April 2009 newsletter of the Western Photographic Historical Society and is used with thanks. Ed.

For What It's Worth

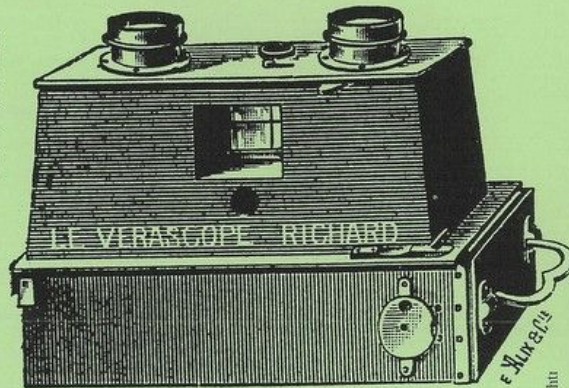
by Rick Soloway

It's always hard to establish absolutely reliable estimations of value in the topsy-turvy world of camera collecting. Here are some real world closing prices from eBay. Realizing, of course, that the closing prices listed below can be over-priced, under-priced, under appreciated, mislabeled or categorized, lucky and unlucky. Here are some recent real-world closing sales values:

Kodak Retina IIIc \$34.00
No. 4 Folding Pocket Kodak \$45.00
Minolta 16 \$15.00
Zeiss Contax IIIa \$335.00
Argus A3 \$39.99
Minolta Hi-Matic \$162.50
Zeiss Werra \$75.00
Gallus DerLux \$127.50
Nikonos I \$172.50
Graflex 22 TLR \$51.00
Clarus MS-35 \$51.00
Retina Type I \$71.00
Ansco Memo I \$86.10
Riken Steky II \$107.60
Wirgin Gewirette \$96.00
Kodak Nagel Vollenda \$50.00
Voigtlander Avus \$58.00
Yashica MG-1 \$17.77
Kodak Target Six-16 \$14.50
Leica metal lens cap \$12.00

Visit my website at: <<http://ricksoloway.com>>.

Magazine-loaded Verascope from Jules Richard, Paris, permitted plate changing with a push-pull on side handle. (From the collection of Eaton S. Lothrop, Jr.)



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So

What line of cameras made between 1910 and 1920 "are for kids?"

Answer: The ICA. Trix came in several models including a postcard size. The line shares the same name as the kids cereal. Est price \$55-100.

—McKeown's

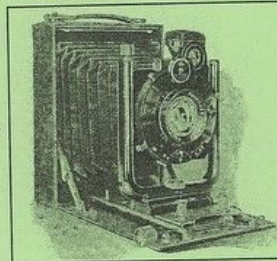


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